Numbers; Deuteronomy Sermon Series
Supports Session 10: Loved
Sermon Title: "Love God"
Passage: Deuteronomy 6:1-25

Connection to Deuteronomy 6:1-13

Moses began his second address to the people. "Listen, Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one" (Deut. 6:4), is the core confessional statement for the Israelites. Connected to the belief that God is One, Moses exhorted the people to love God with their whole beings.

Introduction/Opening

Do you know God? I do not mean that you know truths about God. But do you truly know Him? There is huge difference in knowing about a celebrity and actually knowing them. There is an eternity of difference in knowing about God and actually knowing Him.

Outline

1. Fear God (Deut. 6:1-3)
    a. Moses called the people to follow God's statutes and ordinances (v. 1). Moses said if they feared God and kept His commands they would have a long life, prosper, and multiply (vv. 2-3).
        i. Unbeliever: you may be blessed with material matters, but you do not have an eternal inheritance. Cry out to God and become part of His eternal family.
        ii. Believer: know that if you fear God and trust in His Son then you have an eternal inheritance.
2. Know God (Deut. 6:4)
    a. This verse begins what is called the *shema,* and it is the heart of Israel's confession about God. It calls Israel to hear and to know that God is One.
    b. In order to know God, we must believe in the one true God.
        i. In their day, the nations had numerous gods, but Moses reminded them there is only one God. The LORD is God, and He is one.
3. Love God (Deut. 6:5)
    a. Moses called Israel to love God "with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength" (v. 5). In other words, they were to love God with the entirety of their being. There is nothing in the world they were to love or value more than God.
        i. Our idols are exposed when we love or value something more than we love God. Even good things like family and jobs can be idols.

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4. Tell Others About God (Deut. 6:6-9)
    a. In order to teach others about God we must believe in God first.
    b. We are called to tell others, especially our families, about God.
        i. How are we passing down the truths about God to our families?
        ii. Do we show our family that God is greater than anything this world has to offer? How?
5. Do Not Forget God (Deut. 6:10-19)
    a. Moses warned them to not forget about God when they enter and take possession of the land. He warned them that when they had what they need they would be tempted to forget God.
        i. We too need to fight the temptation to forget God's good hand in our lives when life is going smoothly.
6. Tell What God Has Done For You (Deut. 6:20-25)
    a. Again they are called to tell the next generation what God has done for them.
    b. Believers should be ready to tell those around them of the hope within us (1 Pet. 3:15).

Conclusion

Do we fear God? Do we know God? Do we love God? Do we tell others about God? Have we forgotten about God? If you do not know God, how do you come to know Him? John writes, "No one has ever seen God. The one and only Son, who is himself God and is at the Father's side—he has revealed him" (John 1:18). We come to know God through Jesus Christ. Jesus has made a way through His life, death, and resurrection for us to fear, know, love, and tell others about the one true God.

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